



Application Guidelines for [Latin American Studies \(PhD\)](#)

Application Deadlines [Fall: January 1st \(international\), January 15th \(domestic\)](#)

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APPLICATION CATEGORY	SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS
Educational Background	Please complete and include transcripts from each institution attended.
Program of Interest	Select > College of Arts and Sciences > Latin American and Iberian Institute > Latin American Studies > PhD Latin American Studies. Please also select two intended areas of concentration.
Test Scores	Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores. Applicants should use the GRE area studies code (2201) listed under departmental codes. If you receive an error message when entering 2201, type in "Area Studies." International students must complete the TOEFL exam and submit translated and authenticated transcripts to the Global Education Office .
Letter of Intent	Required. Please see http://laji.unm.edu/academic-programs/future-students/graduate-admissions.html for complete instructions.
Writing Sample	A writing sample of approximately 15-25 pages in length. The sample may be a previously submitted term paper or an original essay, but should represent recent work. This requirement provides the applicant with the opportunity to demonstrate research and analytical abilities, as well as capacity to work across disciplines. It may be written in English, Spanish or Portuguese.
CV/Resume	A current CV/resume is required.
Video/Audio Link	Optional.
Recommendations	Three letters of recommendation from academic references that address the applicant's past academic performance including analytical abilities, language proficiency, and potential for success in graduate studies. If an applicant requests a letter from a professional reference, the letter should address analytical abilities and professional qualifications relevant to Latin American area studies. Letters may be written in English, Spanish or Portuguese.
Special Requirements	Applicants are required to possess a master's degree in one of the chosen concentrations available to LAS doctoral students or a master's degree in Latin American Studies with appropriate course work. Specific entrance requirements may vary depending on the student's intended concentrations and admitted students may be required to make up pre-requisites or deficiencies with courses that do not count toward the credit hours required for the PhD.